

**FACTS AND FANCIES.**

BY ALLAN D. MAY.

A man cannot be said to have supported a ticket until he has voted it.

We believe that we prefer a genuine January blizzard to a March rain.

Last Thursday was St. Patrick's day but we did not see anybody planting potatoes.

After all, it won't be long until Chancellor Andrews has forgotten all about it.

In re-counting the good things of this world, don't overlook the republican county ticket.

It is not written in sacred or profane history that one man ever lied another into hell.

Don't you wish you had some crisp green onions and some new radishes for dinner today?

About the most contemptible object in the world is a little man with a big opinion of himself.

A lawyer may not ask a witness a leading question. He may however, ask him all the misleading ones he wants to.

We know a very rich man who is afraid to build a new residence because next year somebody might build a finer one.

The Deweys all seem destined to come out victorious. Chauncey and Clyde Dewey have been acquitted of the Berry murder.

If all the low-lands in Richardson county were protected from floods and then planted in wheat and corn, what would the harvest be?

Whenever the monotonous grind of a newspaper office bears heavily upon us and we desire a change, we step over into Joe Geiger's fiddle factory, conservatory of music, shot gun infirmary and padlock hospital. Joe always gives us the glad hand and tenders us a chair beside his genial hearth and there we sit and see things that cannot be seen from any other point of view. A man comes in with a debilitated shot gun on which he wants an operation performed. This gun was originally a musket and probably saw service at Fort Ticonderoga or at Yorktown. It afterward became an heirloom and was handed down in some family from generation to generation. At some point along the line its six foot barrel was bored out smooth and the present shot gun evolved. In the last seventy-five years it has been used to shoot geese in Canada, alligators

in Florida, Indians in Nebraska and horse thieves in Wyoming. Old age has marked its stock with worm holes and its barrel with rust holes but the owner can't understand what is the matter with it, and wants Joe to give it a course of treatment and he takes the case. He works for hours whittling out a new barrel, or putting on a new flint, or carving out a new stock, and then when he charges the owner fifty cents that individual gets mad and says that the patient gun doctor is a sheep in wolf's clothing and threatens to shoot him. About this time a man comes in with a saw to be filed. Joe casts his eager eye along the row of bristling teeth, then fastens the blade in the vise and begins. As he draws the file gently back and forth, the sweet strains grow loud and louder; the air vibrates with harmony, nature seems to pulsate with melody; it is as though the pearly gates had been thrown wide open and that mortal ear had suddenly become attuned to the music of celestial harps. But alas, into all harmony some discord must come. In there comes a man who takes down one of Joe's fiddles and without even tuning with the saw strikes up the latest plain quadrille that has become popular in Rush Bottom. And so saw and fiddle contend for the supremacy and there comes to the mind of the listener that passage of scripture that refers to weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. Joe Geiger makes the best violins we have ever seen but it is so unfair to expect them to contend with the lamentations of a saw that is having dental work done. A genuine Stradivarius would hardly stand the test. It always happens that at this point a hundred men call to subscribe for The Tribune and we are called to the office to make out receipts.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL.**

Eat Sowle's Candy.

G. J. Crook went to Lincoln Monday afternoon.

L. B. Cornell of Verdon was in the city Saturday.

Seed Potatoes — BEST ON EARTH.—W. P. Long.

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Minnie Swisegood of Verdon visited in this city Saturday.

Chas. Humphrey and wife of Verdon spent Sunday in this city.

The hunters have been so successful this week that wild ducks have been on the market in great numbers.

William Shaffer, brakeman of Dennison, Ohio, was confined to his bed for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies he said and finally I sent to McCaw's drug store for a bottle of Chamberlains Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot, and in one week's time was able to go to work as happy as a clam." For sale by A. G. Wanner. 9-4

The funeral of William Henning was held from the family residence on McLane street Sunday afternoon. Mr. Henning died on Friday at the age of 78 years. He was an old resident of this county and a few years ago moved to this city. Mr. Henning was a highly respected man and a good citizen.

A young lady received an invitation to a kensington the other day. She didn't know just what this form of entertainment was so she phoned to the minister of her church and asked whether or not it was wicked to go to kensingtons.

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Rev. Holly of the Christian church has been touring this section of Nebraska giving his illustrated lecture on the Holy Land. We have noticed some very flattering press reports.

Emma Schaible of Falls City who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Daeschner has returned home.—Hiawatha Herald.

Rev. Moore of Omaha held services at the Episcopal church on Sunday.

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